



Autumn Series

12th September to 24th October 2021

Sailing Instructions

IMPORTANT

Competitors are reminded that the 2021-2024 RRS have significantly increased the importance of the Notice of Race (NoR), which now contains rules that rank the same as the Sailing Instructions (SIs). A number of rules that had previously been shown within the SIs will now be found in the NoR as they form part of the information that competitors may need before deciding whether or not to race. They are not necessarily repeated in the SIs.

COVID Statement

[NP][DP] By taking part in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Organising Authority's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with this statement may lead to a penalty as deemed appropriate by the event protest committee.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted online and also at Bangor Marina at least two hours before the scheduled start of the race, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags are as follows:

		<u>Class Flag</u>
IRC & NHC Unrestricted Sail	IRC & NHC handicap rules	Numeral Pennant 1
White Sail Restricted	IRC & NHC handicap rules	Numeral Pennant 3

Note that NHC Base Numbers will be used for this race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the access ramp at Bangor Marina and will also be displayed from the Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC) battery.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. STARTING

5.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

5.2 For the windward/leeward courses the starting line will be between an orange mast, displaying an orange flag, on the committee boat at the starboard end and a green port-end starting mark.



- 5.3 For the Round the Lough course the starting line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.
- 5.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 5.5 Classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.6 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 5.7 If one or more boats are subject to RRS 29.1 the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast their sail number(s) on VHF channel 37 (M) and or hail their sail number(s). Failure to make a broadcast (or to time it accurately) or failure of the boat(s) to hear a hail, if made, (or the order in which boats are hailed) will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 6. RACING AREA**
The racing area will be as described in NoR 11.
- 7. COURSE**
- 7.1 The courses to be sailed are described in Appendix A below
- 7.2 If code flag T (tango) is displayed at Bangor Marina, racing will be started from Royal Ulster Battery and use the club marks as outlined in the 2021 RUYC Thursday night Sailing Instructions. These sailing instructions are available on the RUYC website at <https://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/>.
- 7.3 For the Round the Lough courses the marks are defined in appendix B below.
- 8. MARKS**
- 8.1 For the Windward/Leeward courses, marks 1, 1a, and 2s, 2pb will be yellow inflatables.
- 8.2 Marks for the round the lough race will be selected from the list shown in Appendix B
- 9. FINISHING**
- 9.1 The finishing line for the windward/leeward courses will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the Port end and a Red Starboard-end finishing mark.
- 9.2 For the Round the Lough course the finishing line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.
- 9.3 For any race sailed under code flag T the finishing line will that defined in the 2021 Thursday Night SIs.
- 10. TIME LIMIT**
On dates were there are 2 races scheduled boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 11. PENALTY SYSTEM**
NoR 13 applies.
- 12. HEARING REQUESTS**
- 12.1 If a boat intends to protest another boat or to request redress, she shall lodge a protest within 90 minutes of finishing the final race of the day, or retiring. Boats shall inform the RO on finishing any race.
- 12.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the race office at Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 12.3 The protest hearing time will be posted on the official notice board at RUYC and also on the website.
- 13. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 13.1 All communications will be as described in NoR 3.
- 13.2 If the Race Committee displays flag 'R' then VHF channel 72 (M2) will be used.



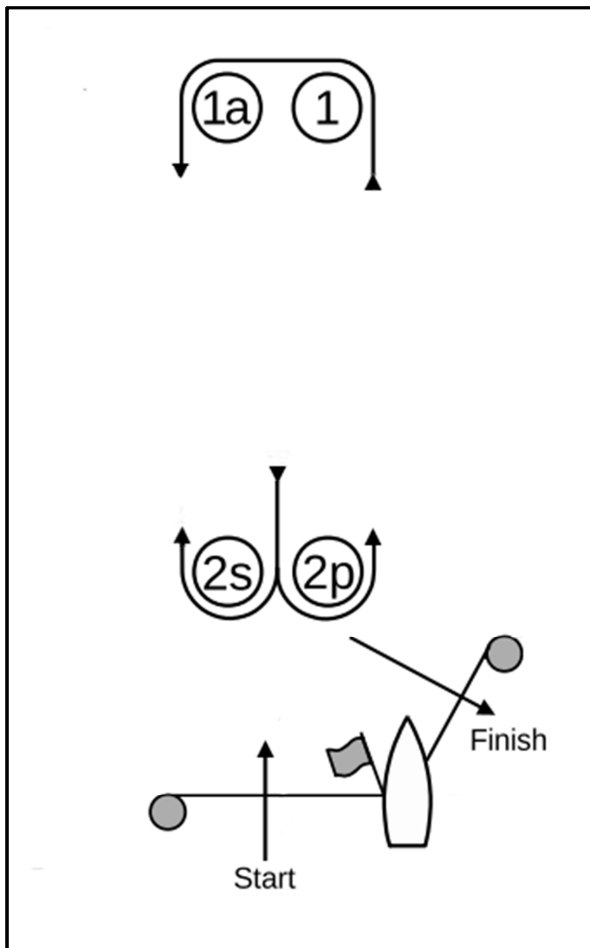
14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 Million per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A



Course 1 for IRC & NHC Unrestricted Sail - ONLY

Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p
– 1 – 1a – 2s/2p
– 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish

Course 2 for White Sail Restricted - ONLY

Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p
– 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish

NOTES

There are TWO separate courses shown in the above diagram.

1. The longer course comprises of **THREE ROUNDS** and is for boats sailing under **Numeral Pennant 1**
2. The shorter course comprises of only **TWO ROUNDS** and is for boats sailing under **Numeral Pennant 3 - ONLY.**



Appendix B

Number	Mark	Description	Co-ordinates
1	RUYC No 1	Red spherical buoy to the north of the Long Hole Bangor	
2	RUYC No 3	Red spherical buoy approx. .75 Nautical Mile north of the Long Hole	
3	RUYC No 4	Red spherical buoy approx. .75 Nautical Mile north of Lukes Point	
4	RUYC No 7	Black spherical buoy, just east of Ballymacormick Point, Bangor	
5	RUYC No 11	Black Spherical buoy, NE of Lukes Point, Bangor	
6	South Briggs	North Cardinal Buoy	54.41.182N, 005.35.732W
7	Rockport Special Mark	Yellow Buoy with a yellow X top mark approximately North of Rockport pumping station	
8	Kilroot Buoy	Green Pillar Buoy approx.	54.42.85N, 005.42.85W
9	Helens bay Buoy	Red Pillar Buoy approx.	54.41.86N, 005.42.85W